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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated September 27, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 5 of this paper.

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**Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6
of this paper.**

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.